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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2462

Introduced by Assembly Member Dababneh

February 21, 2014

~~An act to amend Section 10609.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to social services. An act to add Section 22511.2 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2462, as amended, Dababneh. ~~Child welfare services: caseload standards. Vehicles: parking: child protective services.~~

Existing law authorizes a disabled person or disabled veteran displaying a special license plate or a distinguishing placard, as issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or foreign jurisdiction, to park for unlimited periods in specified zones, including, but not limited to, any parking zone that is restricted to the length of time parking is permitted and to park in metered spaces without paying parking meter fees.

This bill would authorize an employee of a state or county child protective services agency to park, for unlimited periods, an agency vehicle clearly marked "child protective services" in specified zones, including any metered parking space and curbs that indicate stopping only for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers or freight, while conducting agency business.

~~Existing law requires the State Department of Social Services to convene a stakeholder group to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of current child welfare services budgeting methodology and to make recommendations for revising the methodology, including appropriate~~

~~caseload levels, in order to adequately fund the system. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature that this stakeholder group include in its next report the core strategies needed to establish minimum caseload standards.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22511.2 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
2 read:

3 22511.2. An employee of a state or county child protective
4 services agency may park an agency motor vehicle clearly marked
5 “child protective services” in any of the following zones for
6 unlimited periods while conducting agency business, including,
7 but not limited to, transporting, retrieving, or checking in on the
8 welfare of a child:

9 (a) Any metered parking space without being required to pay
10 the parking meter fees.

11 (b) Any parking zone that is restricted as to the length of time
12 parking is permitted as indicated by a sign erected pursuant to a
13 local ordinance.

14 (c) Any restricted zone described in paragraph (2) of subdivision
15 (a) of Section 21458.

16 (d) Any restricted zone described in paragraph (3) of subdivision
17 (a) of Section 21458.

18 (e) Any restricted zone described in paragraph (5) of subdivision
19 (a) of Section 21458.

20 ~~SECTION 1. Section 10609.7 of the Welfare and Institutions~~
21 ~~Code is amended to read:~~

22 ~~10609.7. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the~~
23 ~~following:~~

24 ~~(1) The department has convened the Child Welfare Services~~
25 ~~Stakeholders Group for the purpose of making recommendations~~
26 ~~to redesign California’s child welfare system to create and sustain~~
27 ~~a flexible system, comprised of public and private partnerships,~~
28 ~~that provides a comprehensive system of support for families and~~
29 ~~communities to ensure the well-being of every child.~~

1 ~~(2) In the first year of the stakeholders group, there was~~
2 ~~significant attention brought to the carrying capacity of direct~~
3 ~~service professionals through the development of an~~
4 ~~implementation plan of child welfare services workload study~~
5 ~~pursuant to Section 10609.5.~~

6 ~~(3) The stakeholders group has convened a series of working~~
7 ~~groups, including the Human Resources Workgroup, whose tasks~~
8 ~~are to develop core strategies and recommendations resulting in a~~
9 ~~high capacity, competent, satisfied child welfare services workforce~~
10 ~~that is able to perform the essential functions of the redesigned~~
11 ~~child welfare system.~~

12 ~~(4) In the second year, the Human Resources Workgroup report~~
13 ~~found that workload issues have not appreciably declined and that~~
14 ~~for the child welfare services redesign to be successful, workforce~~
15 ~~considerations need to be at the forefront of all redesign efforts.~~

16 ~~(5) The stakeholders group and its Human Resources Workgroup~~
17 ~~have entered the third year of the redesign process for the state's~~
18 ~~child welfare services.~~

19 ~~(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Human Resources~~
20 ~~Workgroup of the Child Welfare Services Stakeholders Group~~
21 ~~include in its next planned report the core strategies needed to~~
22 ~~establish minimum caseload standards under the redesigned child~~
23 ~~welfare services system for all service areas.~~

24 ~~(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Human Resources~~
25 ~~Workgroup also make recommendations for implementing the~~
26 ~~new caseload standards, including a recommendation that would~~
27 ~~achieve at least 20 percent of the caseload reductions annually~~
28 ~~over a specified period of time, as required under the newly~~
29 ~~recommended standards.~~